

but aside from that General Eagan's lot is one which thousands in the army and out of it, might well envy. For the next six years the General will draw his full salary of \$5,500 a year, and the punishment for his unbecoming and ungentlemanly conduct is that hereafter he will not have to work for it. He can now travel for his health, go to Europe or in fact anywhere he pleases and have a general good time on a salary of \$5,500 a year, or in six years a total of \$33,000. And this is the way General Eagan is punished. There are not a few who long for that sort of punishment. Surely "der be some things in dis yer wold" which are a mystery. Such men as Admirals Dewey, Schley, and Samson, Commodore Philip, could make more money by turning their tongues loose than by managing their guns, or in other words there seems to be more money in "shooting off your mouth" than in shooting off your gun, besides it is a great deal easier made, and accompanied with far less danger. The principle applied in the punishment of General Eagan is contrary to the teachings of the word of God. Previous service or righteousness will not save a man in the day that he sins. The prophet Ezekiel says: "Therefore thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression . . . neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth." Ezek. 33:12.

Brief Notes

You admire a hero, but what kind? Look, and in the character of your hero find a more or less significant reflection of your own character.

A man's likes and dislikes are the indexes of his character. What you laugh at will often give a hint of what you are.

"There goes John Knox, but for the grace of God," said the reformer upon seeing a criminal led out to execution. What great wisdom there is in finding out what things we are naturally capable of, and to what extent, in what direction, our impulses are modified by grace.

Gospel, is "good news." If we have the spirit of the gospel we will delight in good news, and not delight in the other kind. Yet with what a morbid pleasure people love to recite bad news. They will put themselves out of breath in haste to get there first and tell it.

In the Commission there is a logical relation between "Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and "Lo I am with you." Obedience is the condition of the divine presence and the divine help. The point is to learn what gospel obedience really is, and let experience take care of itself. It will not disappoint you.

The Chicago Woman's Educational Union has resolved to promote an exhibition of Bibles at the coming World's Fair in Paris. It ought to be a great hit, the French being so fond of novelties.

Cecil Rhodes, the great South African Premier and civilizer, is strongly in favor of a peace understanding among the nations. The strong point he makes is the saving of money consumed in war, and its ap-

plication to industrial development. Perhaps after awhile we will set the remarkable advent of common sense statesmanship in the world.

Germany is arming her soldiers with a new and improved rifle, and England insists on the necessity of being prepared for war, assigning as the reason that causes of war still subsist. All other civilized nations are increasing their land and water forces, which goes to show that the millennium is approaching with rapid strides. It is evidently approaching, but not by the road of natural events or universal tendency.

With several thousand corpses lying around, the Philipinos will doubtless be able to get an inkling of the good times we are bringing them. Their first impressions of our methods, and incidentally of our religion, all equally new to them, are calculated to advance them many degrees in the scale of civilization. The wretches! to reject the liberty which we hold out to them on the points of our bayonets.

It is stated that 80,000 Spanish soldiers perished in the late Cuban wars. What mourning there is in many an humble peasant home whose stalwart boy was forced into the lines, only to become food for Cuban vultures, or to find a grave beneath the sea. O, the horrors of war. The time is coming when men will write of this war age that the nations were yet immersed in savagery.

A twenty-five million dollar shoe trust, just organized, promises to make walking more expensive for us. Unless adequate legislation protects the people, the trusts will soon own them, and adequate legislation is hard to get in the teeth of the money power. Where these things will end no seer yet lives who can see. It is the era of greed; it is a new form of the old spirit of oppression, and it may turn out to be quite as bad as the others.

A high-toned family in a New England town refuse to pay a bill for pew rent, claiming that they were to have half a pew for nothing, as they "were wanted to give aristocratic tone to the services." Evidently that church has had value received for that pew. The bill ought to be receipted at once.

A New York policeman who is a Methodist lay preacher is to be disciplined for converting sinners instead of catching them. Gospel methods are not in favor with the city government. If all their policemen were like this fellow, there would be less crime.

A poor woman in New York who supported her drinking husband and her two children by taking in washing, committed suicide in a fit of despair because her husband drank up the money, his weeks' wages, which she had begged to buy the children's clothes. How dreadful, if there is such a thing as justice, will be the doom of the saloon and its abettors in the day of judgment.

A western multi millionaire who has pallatial residences in a number of western cities, is also going to build a mansion in New York, and also one in Washington. If this man and others like him should be one-fourth as intent on providing himself with a mansion in the Father's house, he would be sure of eternal life and sure of everlasting habitations. Where will all his fine houses be a thousand years from now and where will he be?

A policeman in a large city recently found a bag of diamonds in a snow bank. The "pearl of great price," can be found in this "cold world," and by any of us, if we only look for it, and prize it at its true value when we find it.

It is said that the millionaire Jews are indifferent and even hostile to the new Zionist movement, which has for its object the re-establishment of Israel in Palestine. Human nature is the same everywhere, and these opulent and contented Jews are not unlike others who are satisfied with this temporal world, and care nothing for the spiritual and eternal.

The salvation army proposes to raise \$350,000,00 as a gift for General Booth on the occasion of his 70th anniversary April 10. They also propose to in-

crease the enlistment of the army by 70,000 additions, and to add 70,000 new subscriptions to their army papers and magazines. The money is intended of course to carry forward General Booth's great work. That is the way these magnificent Christians do business.

It is proposed to celebrate in Germany the anniversary of Bismark's birthday by kindling fire beacons on hundreds of tall pillars all over the empire, to be erected for that purpose. In a much better sense good men are the "light of the world," not simply for one night nor for one country. "Let your light so shine that others seeing your good works shall glorify God."

The never resting waves of old ocean are to be harnessed by a new invention to furnish power for electrical generation, with the result that the cost of electric lighting will be reduced ninety per cent. All the elements and all the energies of nature are to be harnessed for the benefit of man, yet he ignores the Creator who made all these things and adapted them to his use.

How sad it is to see a gifted man groping in the dense darkness of the human understanding, when that is put as the ultimate guide, and made to stand instead of divine revelation. How sad to see him turn away from the dazzling glory of the future life because he cannot understand or believe all the impossibilities and absurdities of human dogmas in reference thereto. At the close of a recent lecture Col. Ingersoll surprised his audience by his encomiums on the beauties of Christianity. "How beautiful, how enchanting death would be. What rays of glory would stream from his sightless sockets, and how the heart would long for the touch of his stilling hand! The grave would mark the end of sorrow—the beginning of eternal joy." It was in a tone of eloquent sadness that he concluded. "And yet it were better that all this should be false than that all of the New Testament should be true. It is far better to have no heaven than to have both heaven and hell; better to have no God than both God and devil; better to rest in eternal sleep than to be an angel and know that the ones you love are suffering eternal pain."

The Senate ratified the treaty with Spain, last week, and this puts the finishing touch to the late misunderstanding. But the ratification is marked by the beginning of a new war in the Philippines, since the natives are unwilling to submit to their American masters. Our armies, however, are mowing them down by the thousands, and by killing a part with our guns and converting the rest with our missionaries, we may be able to bring them to a grateful sense of their blessings.

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A Good Answer

If cider is "the devil's kindling-wood," it would seem that cider-mills might justly be called kindling wood factories. One such factory, owned and operated by a would-be wit, bore the following questionable inscription, "In God we trust," all others pay cash down." A neighbor, a strong temperance woman, upon being told of it at once replied:

"You trust in God? That may be true: But tell me, friend, can God trust you?"